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1. There was no Soviet Navy Nurses Corps or any similar, separate organization for women in the armed services. The women served in the medical and sanitation fields with the same rank, rating, pay, privileges, and treatment as male personnel on their level. The attitude of the male personnel towards the women was resentful.
2. There was no naval or service school for women. A normal education of seven years, plus three years of specialized training, qualified them as nurses, dental technicians, pharmacists, or X-ray technicians. Those with a 10-year normal education, plus 5 years of medical school, were qualified to become doctors. This training was taken in civil institutions, and, upon graduation, the women were subject to draft in the naval armed services.
3. The average age of women in the armed services was approximately 26. There was no set limit of service; women who married while on active duty continued to serve and raised their families at the same time. Those who were going to have children remained on duty through the first six months of pregnancy. They were then put on leave status until approximately two months after the birth of the child. Nurseries, if required, were available for their children.

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